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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Quadale D. Coleman, 31, of Middleton, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 225 months in federal prison, without parole, for possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute. Coleman pleaded guilty to the charge on April 8, 2007.

Law enforcement agents recovered more than 100 grams of crack cocaine from Coleman's apartment in Middleton during a search warrant on May 3, 2007. His sentence was enhanced because a loaded firearm was also present where the crack cocaine was recovered, and because of his criminal history. Coleman has four prior felony convictions.

The charges against Coleman were the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, Middleton Police Department, and the University of Wisconsin Police Department K-9 Unit. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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